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*A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana*

## LEEC NEWS



### **GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

Louisiana Green Schools is proud to announce the opening of applications for the [U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School Program](#). ED-GRS is a national award that honors schools and school districts that have made significant progress in resource conservation, improving community health, and increasing environmental awareness. Participation in the program helps to reduce your school's environmental impact, reduce health disparities that can aggravate achievement gaps, and engage students in hands-on learning. Please visit [Louisiana's ED-GRS application portal](#) to begin an application and for more info. Applications are due on January 14th by 5:00 p.m.

Contact Green Schools Coordinator Brian Gautreau at [bgautreau@wlf.la.gov](mailto:bgautreau@wlf.la.gov) and visit the [Louisiana Environmental Education Commission's Green Schools site](#) for more information.

### **COMMISSION STILL ACCEPTING EXHIBITOR AND PRESENTER PROPOSALS**

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission is still seeking presenters and exhibitors for the 2015 Louisiana Environmental Education State Symposium, scheduled for February 27-28, 2015 at the Baton Rouge Marriott, 5500 Hilton Ave., Baton Rouge. The symposium is an annual event aimed at providing formal and non-formal environmental educators from Louisiana and the surrounding region with up-to-date environmental education information and techniques.

Exhibitors can find the exhibitor information form at [http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/document/39572-2016-environmental-education-state-symposium-exhibitor-information/exhibitor\\_information\\_20161.pdf](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/document/39572-2016-environmental-education-state-symposium-exhibitor-information/exhibitor_information_20161.pdf) and can register online at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/webform/2016-louisiana-environmental-education-symposium>.

Presenters will conduct 50-minute sessions featuring exemplary programs, hands-on workshops, or lesson demonstrations. Educators who wish to present a session at the 2016 Environmental Education State Symposium, please visit our online proposal form at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/2016-environmental-education-state-symposium-presenter-proposal-form>.



## **CONTESTS**

### ***SHELL SCIENCE LAB CHALLENGE: DEADLINE DECEMBER 16***

NSTA and Shell support the Shell Science Lab Challenge, a competition for middle and high school teachers that awards laboratory resources and other prizes to school districts nationwide. Entries will be judged on the basis of several criteria, including uniqueness, creativity, and a replicable approach.

Find more at <http://www.nsta.org/shellsciencelab/>.

### ***RECYCLING IS BIGGER THAN THE BIN!***

National recycling awareness contest sponsored by the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and Jason Learning. The contest is open to all students living in the United States and enrolled in grades K-12 during the 2015-2016 school year. Each individual or team can submit either a video or a poster to the contest. One video and one poster will be selected as a finalist from each of three grade bands: K-4, 5-8, and 9-12. Two overall grand-prize winners will be selected. Deadline December 18.

Find more at <http://jason.org/contest/2015-2016-recycling-bigger-bin-contest>.

## **LAGNIAPPE**

### ***EXPLORE.ORG LIVE CAMERAS***

[www.Explore.org](http://www.Explore.org) has teamed with OrcaLab to provide 5 live web cameras of major spots that these cetaceans and mammals like to "hang-out" in British Columbia waters around Vancouver Island.

Live streaming cameras provide views of orcas and humpbacks forging, feeding, traveling and playing. Viewers can pick from 4 surface cameras and 1 underwater view (which is always a fun site with fish, kelp beds and other sea life). Viewers can sign up for text messages to alert when cameras catch orcas, humpbacks and other marine mammals doing their thing.

The site also offers live online chats with scientists in the field.

### ***NCSETEACH***

The National Center for Science Education offers educators resources to teach about evolution and climate change. They are starting a teacher network with opportunities to connect with teachers across the country, connect with local scientists, and more. The website also offers links to online teaching resources.

Find more at <http://ncseteach.com/>.

### ***CLIMATE CLASSROOM WEBSITE***

The National Wildlife Federation has launched the Years of Living Dangerously ([YEARS](#)) education website, where you will find climate smart educational resources and learning opportunities that correspond to the science and issues presented in the series.

The real stories and changes occurring in our natural world as told in YEARS offer middle and high school students, teachers and parents the foundation for experiential learning through analyzing the science of climate change, distinguishing facts from opinions, and investigating solutions. The site offers age- and developmentally appropriate curriculum, resources, online learning, contests and events which relate to daily life.

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